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SUBJECT: ARUBA SITUATION

ALSO FOR SCS AND WLB

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1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICEREPORTS THAT THERE WAS MINOR RIOT ON ARUBA (BOTTLES THROWN AT POLICE) LAST EVENING, THAT 70 RIOT POLICE WERE DISPATCHED TO ISLAND, AND THAT SITUATION COMPLETELY CALM BY 1:00 A.M.. PM'S SECRETARY SAID SAFETY OF AMCITS ON ARUBA IS COMPLETELY ASSURED; POLICE PATROLS STATIONED AT ALL HOTELS AS WELL AS AT EXXON REFINERY. ALTHOUGH INTERMITTENTLY INTERRUPTED YESTERDAY, ELECTRIC POWER IS ON, AS IS WATER; BOTH WERE RUMORED TO BE OUT LAST NIGHT. INTER-ISLAND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION STILL OUT, BUT THAT SERVICE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE RESTORED AUGUST 13. HOTELS REPORTEDLY PROVIDING BED AND BOARD SERVICES. PM IS "99 PERCENT SURE AIRPORT WILL BE OPEN IN THE MORNING."

2. DUE TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS STRIKE YESTERDAY AND TODAY ABOUT 150 AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGERS, MOSTLY AMCITS, WERE
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UNABLE TO LEAVE ARUBA AUGUST 11, AND ABOUT 250 AA AND KLM PASSENGERS DIDN'T GET OUT TODAY. CONSULATE GENERAL ESTIMATES THERE ARE BETWEEN 1200 AND 2000 AMCIT TOURISTS ON ISLAND.

3. CONSULATE GENERAL IS RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM MEDIA (LOCAL AND IN U.S.) AND AMCIT TOURISTS ABOUT SITUATION AND ABOUT WHAT ASSISTANCE STRANDED AMCITS CAN EXPECT FROM USG. OUR

RESPONSE FOCUSES ON APPROACH TO NAG AND ENCOURAGING NATURE
OF PM VIEWS GIVEN US.

4. IN LIGHT OF LATTER, BOTH ABOUT CONDITIONS OF AMCIT
TOURISTS' EXISTENCE AND PROSPECTS FOR EARLY DEPARTURE, CONGEN
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ACTION BY USG, OTHER THAN BY CONSULATE
GENERAL, IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.
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